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Time Magazine Libel Suit

LOS ANGELES—An \$11 million libel suit has been filed against Time magazine for an article alleging a former Mexican security agent was involved with a car-theft ring in Southern California.

Attorney Marvin Mitchelson filed the lawsuit in Los Angeles County Superior Court on behalf of his client, Miguel Nasser Haro, former head of the Mexican counterpart of the FBI.

The lawsuit claims Nasser Haro's character was defamed with willful and wrongful malice when Time, in its April 12 edition, published an article saying he allegedly was linked to an \$8.4 million auto-theft ring.

Nassar Haro's alleged involvement in the ring came to light after William Kennedy, the U.S. attorney in San Diego, charged the Justice Department was blocking prosecution of Nassar Haro because he had been a CIA source in Mexico. Kennedy was fired from his job April 5 and has since been named deputy district attorney of San Diego County.